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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: MUMTAZ SHAH ART UNIT: 3724
SERIAL NO.: 09/403,796 EXAMINER: CHARLES GOODMAN
FILED: OCTOBER 25, 1999
TITLE: CUTTING SHEET MATERIAL

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection by the Examiner of Claims 20-24, as issued in the final Office Action, dated March 26, 2002 (Petition for a Three-Month Extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and requisite fee of \$460.00 (small entity) being enclosed), said appeal being taken from all grounds for rejection, as follows:

A. Claims 20-22 have been rejected as being antici-

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September 25, 2002
Date

pated, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b), by Chuang, U.S. Patent No. 4,960,022;

B. Claim 23 has been rejected as being obvious, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), over Chuang, taken in view of Shah, United Kingdom Patent Application No. 2,223,976;

C. Claim 24 has been rejected as being obvious, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), over Chuang, taken in view of Li, U.S. Patent No. 5,638,603;

D. Claims 20-22 and 24 have been rejected as being obvious, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), over Li, taken in view of Campbell, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 3,068,569; and,

E. Claim 23 has been rejected as being obvious, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), over Campbell, Jr., as applied to Claims 20-22 and 24, taken in view of Shah.

Claims 1-19 have been cancelled.

The requisite fee of \$160.00 (small entity) for filing the Notice of Appeal, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b), is enclosed.

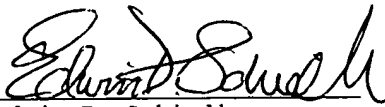
A petition for a three-month extension and the requisite extension fee of \$460.00 (small entity) is being concurrently filed with this Notice of Appeal for extending the deadline set by the final Office Action, dated March 26, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$620.00 (Notice of Appeal and three-month extension fees) is enclosed.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified patent application to Account No. 19-0450. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for billing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Enc.: 1. Petition for Three-Month Extension of time; and
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+ Notice of Appeal Fee (\$160.00))

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any additional fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the present application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.